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SUBJ: LEONIDAS RIDES AGAIN

1. RETIRED GENERAL LEONIDAS RODRIGUEZ, NUMBER ONE CANDIDATE FOR THE PARTIDO SOCIALISTA REVOLUCIONARIO (PSR), WHO HAS BEEN IN HIDING SINCE MAY 19 AND AGAINST WHOM DEPORTATION ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, APPEARED AT THE PALACE LATE MORNING JUNE 15, ACCOMPANIED BY 5 FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, AND REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT. THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT WAS GIVEN TO A USICA EMPLOYEE BY ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS PRESENT. DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, RODRIGUEZ WAS SALUTED BY THE MILITARY OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE AND WAS INFORMED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS AT THAT MOMENT MEETING WITH THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER. RODRIGUEZ REQUESTED A GLASS OF WATER, AND AFTER MAKING AN ARMY LIEUTENANT TASTE IT FIRST, DRANK IT. AFTER ABOUT 10 MINUTES, AS CURIOSITY SEEKERS FROM OFFICES WITHIN THE PALACE BEGIN TO FILL THE ANTECHAMBER, RODRIGUEZ DECIDED TO MAKE HIS ESCAPE, RUNNING DOWN THE PALACE STEPS CINDERELLA-STYLE AND LEAPING ONTO THE BACK OF A WAITING MOTORCYCLE.

2. COMMENT: THE INCIDENT WAS PROBABLY CAREFULLY DESIGNED TO COINCIDE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S WELL-PUBLICIZED MEETING WITH THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND TO CALL ATTENTION TO RODRIGUEZ
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AND THE PSR ON THE EVE OF THE ELECTIONS. IT DEMONSTRATES THAT EVEN THE PONDEROUS PERUVIAN ELECTORAL PROCESS CAN HAVE A LIGHTER SIDE.

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